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Applicant's or agent's file reference 18773-WO-05	FOR FURTHER ACTION <div style="float: right; font-size: small;">see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</div>	
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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

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5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The invention is a system and method for neutralizing fluid chemical waste products that result from a chemical production process and are collected from the production line. The invention comprises a pyrolysis/reaction chamber (200) into which the fluid chemical waste is pumped (140) through an atomizer (160). The jet of small droplets of liquid waste that is formed by the atomizer (160) effectively contacts the plasma stream created by a plasma torch (220). When the droplets contact the plasma stream the molecules of the waste from which the droplets are composed are dissociated into atoms and/or ions. These atoms and ions move out of the immediate region of the plasma stream and recombine to form a mixture of product gases which exits the chamber. The product gases then enter a post-pyrolysis subsystem (300), which is designed to neutralize and/or collect the components comprising the mixture of product gases.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 B01J19/08

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 A62D B01J

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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